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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRANSFERS OF TSOS

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1. SY ALWAYS PLEASED TO SEE POST SUPPORT FOR ITS OFFICERS IN THE FIELD. IT IS APPARENT THAT TSO WHITE HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE SECURITY NOT ONLY OF THE MISSION IN CANBERRA BUT THROUGHOUT HIS AREA. DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO ACCEDE TO POST REQUEST; HOWEVER, OTHER OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS FORCE US TO TRANSFER WHITE.

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2. MR. WHITE HAS BEEN SELECTED TO BECOME THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE REGIONAL TECHNICAL CENTER IN PANAMA. THIS POSITION ENTAILS SUPERVISION OF THREE OTHER TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICERS AND THREE U.S. NAVY SEABEES, AND POSITION CALLS FOR A TECHNICAL OFFICER OF MR. WHITE'S GRADE AND EXPERIENCE. DUE TO OTHER PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS, TIME IN TOUR, ETC., MR. WHITE IS THE MOST LOGICAL CHOICE FOR PANAMA POSITION.

3. POSTS SERVICED BY TSO WHITE SHOULD NOT BE UNDULY CONCERNED ABOUT CONTINUITY IN SERVICE. ALL SERVICES PROVIDED TO EACH POST IN HIS AREA ARE DOCUMENTED IN SY TECHNICAL SERVICES REPORTS, WHICH WILL GIVE HIS SUCCESSOR FULL CONTINUITY IN THE PROJECTS IN WHICH HE IS INVOLVED.

4. SY HAS SELECTED TSO PETER HIMMELBERGER AS WHITE'S REPLACEMENT. HIMMELBERGER CURRENTLY ASSIGNED IN HEADQUARTERS AND WILL PLAN DEPARTURE FROM DEPARTMENT TO ALLOW ONE WEEK OVERLAP WITH WHITE IN CANBERRA TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH CONSTITUENT POST NEEDS AND PROBLEMS. HIMMELBERGER SHOULD ARRIVE CANBERRA LATE JUNE, WITH WHITE DEPARTURE PROJECTED FOR EARLY JULY. KISSINGER

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